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SUBJECT: LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES

REF: BEIRUT 8655

1. FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS THEE ISF HAS BEEN GRADUALLY REASSUMING ITS PUBLIC SAFETY TASKS. 6500 OF THE ISF PRE-HOSTILITY TOTAL OF 7000 MEN HAVE RETURNED TO DUTY. BEIRUT POLICE (INCLUDING ELITE SQUAD 16), JUDICIAL POLICE, AND GENDERMERIE ARE BACK IN THEIR CASERNES AND PERFORMING FOLLOWING DUTIES: TRAFFIC CONTROL, OPERATING PRISONS, FOOT PATROL, AND CHECKPOINT OPERATIONS.

2. DIRGEN SHAAR HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND A QUICK SOLUTION TO HIS EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS. ACCORDING TO SHAAR, ISF PERSONNEL ARE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES IN OLD OR MAKESHIFT UNIFORMS, GENERALLY UNARMED EXCEPT FOR SQUAD 16 WHICH HAS 300 MEN, WITHOUT VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, OR ADMIN SUPPORT FACILITIES. SHAAR HAS NOT ONLY REQUESTED AID FROM USG BUT ALSO FROM THE FRENCH, BRITISH, AND SYRIANS. SYRIAN ASF HAS REFUSED TO LOAN ISF VEHICLES, BUT FRENCH HAVE REPORTEDLY AGREED TO
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FURNISH ADEQUATE NUMBER OF UNIFORMS. GOL WANTS LAND ROVERS FROM BRITISH BUT DOUBTFUL BRITISH CAN SUPPLY THEM.

3. WE REALIZE THERE ARE LEGAL OBSTACLES TO GRANTING ASSISTANCE TO INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES AND APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S POSITIVE APPROACH TO PROBLEM. WE ARE FRANKLY SURPRISED AND

ENCOURAGED THAT SECURITY FORCES HAVE RETURNED SO QUICKLY TO THEIR UNITS AND TO STREET DUTY. HOWEVER, UNTIL THEY CAN OBTAIN EQUIPMENT FROM SOME SOURCE,, ISF CANNOT REPLACE SYRIANS OR CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO CONTROL OF INTERNAL SECURITY HERE.

4. RE PARA 3 STATE'S 306349, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO LIST OF INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE REQUIREMENTS EXCEPT THOSE REPORTED BEIRUT 8655.
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